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## **FCC RELEASES 2003 INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC DATA**

Washington, D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today released a report entitled *2003 International Telecommunications Data* which reports traffic between the United States and other countries for international message telephone, private line, and miscellaneous services on a country-by-country basis.

### Statistical Findings

- Facilities-based and facilities-resale traffic increased 18.6% from 36.0 billion minutes in 2002 to 42.7 billion minutes in 2003. For categorizing traffic, a facilities-based carrier is one that provides service using its own international transmission facilities, while a facilities-resale carrier is a carrier that provides service utilizing international circuits leased from other reporting international carriers.
- U.S. billed revenue for international telephone service and private line service decreased, while billed revenue for international other miscellaneous services increased.

### **International Services Billed Revenues** (Shown in Thousands)

	2002	2003	%change
Telephone	\$9,446,411	\$8,401,666	-11.1%
Private Line	\$988,053	\$620,468	-37.2%
Other Misc.	\$112,767	\$156,117	38.4%
Total Billed Revenues	\$11,496,512	\$9,728,368	-15.4%

(In the above categories, carriers requesting confidential treatment reported that they billed \$949 million in 2002 and \$550 million in 2003.)

- U.S. carrier's net settlement payments (the amount they pay foreign carriers to terminate traffic overseas) and retained international revenues (revenues after settlement payments are made) decreased.

Total Billed Revenues,  
Net Settlement Payments, and  
Retained Revenues  
(Shown in Thousands)

	2002	2003	%change
Total Billed Revenues	\$11,496,512	\$9,728,368	-15.4%
Net Settlement	(\$3,791,109)	(\$3,168,774)	-16.4%
Retained	\$7,705,403	\$6,559,594	-14.9%

- Resale traffic grew from 30.4 billion minutes in 2002 to 34.5 billion minutes in 2003. Billed revenue for resale services increased from \$5.1 billion in 2002 to \$5.4 billion in 2003.

The report is available for reference in the FCC's Reference Information Center at 445 12th Street, S.W., Courtyard Level, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may be purchased by contacting the FCC's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington D.C. 20554, telephone 1-800-378-3160, facsimile 202-488-5563, or via e-mail [WWW.BCPIWEB.COM](http://WWW.BCPIWEB.COM). The report can also be downloaded [file name: CREPOR03.ZIP or CREPOR03.PDF] from [www.fcc.gov/ib](http://www.fcc.gov/ib).

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